Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 12-401(a)

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BY adding to

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Section 12-401(c)

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 12-401(b), (c), (d), and (e), respectively, of Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 12-401 (d), (e), (f), and (g), respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

12-401.

- (a) A party in a civil case [or the defendant in a criminal case] may appeal from a final judgment entered in the District Court.
  - (B) In a criminal case [, the]:
- (1) THE State may appeal from a final judgment [if] ENTERED IN THE DISTRICT COURT:
- (I) IF the State alleges that the trial judge failed to impose the sentence specifically mandated by the Code; OR
- (II) GRANTING A MOTION TO DISMISS, OR QUASHING OR DISMISSING A CHARGING DOCUMENT. [In a criminal case, the]
- (2) THE defendant may appeal even FROM A FINAL JUDGMENT ENTERED. IN THE DISTRICT COURT though imposition or execution of sentence has been suspended.
- (C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, AN APPEAL TAKEN UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(1)(II) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE:
- (1) TO THE CIRCUIT COURT SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE JUDGMENT OF THE DISTRICT COURT; AND